Kenneth N. Oliver District 4 News

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News & Views from around your community



Greetings!

The weather outside may not be signaling anything that feels like spring, but be assured the first day of spring is only weeks away, falling this year on Thursday, March 20.

In this issue we'll focus on spring events and spring traditions to help us get our minds off the Winter of 2014, which has left many of us ready for warmer weather and sunnier days.

Let's start by turning our attention to a favorite spring pastime – baseball – and the opening of

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the Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball. The museum is set to open Thursday, March 27, in the County Campus Building at the Metro Centre at Owings Mills. See inside for a feature on this highly anticipated addition to our community.

As spring approaches, it's time to get outside and do some spring clean-up after months of shoveling snow and spreading salt. See information inside for help with getting rid of hazardous items around the house, organizing a community clean-up, and getting involved in your neighborhood community group.

Meanwhile, it's time to celebrate our local history, with upcoming events honoring Maryland's own Harriet Tubman, and her links to Baltimore County and our own community through the Emmart-Pierpont Safe House on Rolling Road. See inside for details on these special events.

Please check inside for news, events and updates from around the Fourth District and the county. As always, if you need to reach my office, give us a call at 410-887-3389, or email us at council4@baltimorecountymd.gov. We are here to serve you.

Thanks again for the opportunity to continue working for you.

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Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball Opens



The new home of the Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball is set to officially open at the County Campus Building at the Metro Centre at Owings Mills on Thursday, March 27, 11:30 a.m. The collection was started by Ray Banks and the idea for the museum grew through his friendship with former Negro Leagues players and their families, including Hubert V. Simmons. Simmons was a former Baltimore Elite Giants player. The museum was opened after his death, with continued support from his wife, Audrey Simmons.

Formerly housed in the basement of Lochearn Presbyterian Church, the new location is in the County Campus Building, 10302 Grand Central Ave., home to the Owings Mills branch of the Baltimore County Public Library and

CCBC Owings Mills campus. The larger facility will allow more people to learn about black ball players who began playing baseball almost 100 years ago.

The museum is housed in a unique fashion, with visitors starting their tour in the ground floor exhibits, then taking the elevator to the succeeding 2nd and 3rd floors, where museum patrons will step out of the elevator and into the colorful exhibits, featuring baseball artifacts, photos, life-sized player figures, and histories of the teams and players that made the leagues great.

During four decades in Baltimore, there were two talented black teams, the Baltimore Black Sox, and the Baltimore Elite Giants. This was during a time when blacks were not allowed to play baseball with white players.



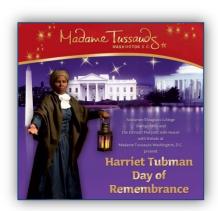
"The Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball is a local gem – put together and maintained



by a dedicated group of women and men who refuse to let us forget who paved the way for the likes of Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays and our own Frank Robinson," Councilman Oliver said. "Many thanks to Executive Director Audrey Simmons, Curator Ray Banks and the dedicated board and volunteers, supporters and donors, who have kept the memory of Negro Leagues Players alive so that we, and generations to come, can enjoy and celebrate the accomplishments and lives of the men and women who helped make America's Favorite Pastime truly legendary."



Looking forward to warmer weather programs and events



Emmart Pierpont Safe House is partnering with Sojourner-Douglass College in Owings Mills and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in Washington, D.C., for "Harriet Tubman Day of Remembrance," March 8, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Sojourner-Douglass College campus, 10711 Red Run Blvd. The event is to include a Madame Tussauds wax figure of Harriet Tubman, and actress and storyteller Janice Greene portraying Harriet Tubman.

Another "Harriet Tubman Day of Remembrance" is set for the Randallstown Library, 8604 Liberty Road, on March 20, at 6:30 p.m. Janice Greene will be portraying Harriet Tubman. In addition, The Emmart Pierpont Safe House, 3523 North Rolling Road, is holding its "8th Annual Harriet Tubman Day of Remembrance" at the Safe House. Stay tuned for date and time.



Get started spring cleaning your home, yard, garage, or neighborhood with the Spring 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for Baltimore County residents. The event is set for Sunday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the county's Central Acceptance Facility at Drop-Off Drive and Warren Road in Cockeysville. Items accepted (that will be recycled or disposed of properly) include: unwanted household chemicals, paints, pesticides, swimming pool chemicals, medicines, mercury thermometers, fluorescent light bulbs, rechargeable batteries, ammunition, fireworks, and automotive fluids. No trash. More info: 410-887-3745, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/environment/groundwatermgt/hhwlocations.html



Want some say in improving the bicycle and pedestrian access in your neighborhood? Bring your ideas to the **Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, March 11, at 4 p.m., in Room 104 of the Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee is interested in hearing your suggestions for new bicycle or pedestrian improvements that could be candidates for grant funding – projects that are low in cost, make it easier or safer for you to access destinations by walking or cycling and have the support of the community. **Information**: <u>Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee</u>



The Department of Planning is holding a **Public Input Meeting on non-commercial raising and keeping of small livestock**, set for Thursday, March 20, 2014, at 6 p.m., Suite 104, Jefferson Bldg., 105 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson. The County Council requested the Planning Board review relevant laws and regulations on keeping of small livestock. Bring written copy of testimony to the hearing. Two minutes will be given to each speaker. **Info**: Jessie Bialek at jbialek@baltimorecountymd.gov or 410-887-3480.



Check out what's happening around the 4th District



Councilman Oliver with Woodstock Job Corps Center student Alexys Diaz, 19

Councilman
Oliver was
pleased to
have two
Woodstock
Job Corps
Center
students visit
the Baltimore
County
Council offices

and chambers for **Job Shadow Day** to see the inner workings of county government during County Council Work Session on February 11. He was impressed by Alexys Diaz and Taniesha Beckford's interest and enthusiasm. Both students are training in security. "I would be pleased to have the students visit again," he said. He was also happy that a student returned for the February 18 Legislative Session, where the items discussed on February 11 were voted on. Councilman Oliver is looking forward to keeping in touch with the students and following their career progress. He is also looking forward to visiting the Woodstock Job Corps Center soon.



A Community Food Outreach

event sponsored by Jesus House Baltimore is set for Security Square Mall, 6901 Security Blvd., Woodlawn, on Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. The event is on the lot adjacent to Sears Department Store. Nonperishable foods will be

available. Jesus House Baltimore holds a monthly food pantry, first Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prompt, at their facility at 7710 Windsor Mill Road. For more information, contact 410-521-4783, or jhbcommunity@jesushousebaltimore.org.

${f W}$ hat's Happening at Your Library

- Owings Mills Library events: 410-887-2092 "Books, Coffee and Conversation," Tuesday, March 11, 10 a.m. "Paws to Read," read to a trained Pets on Wheels dog, for 6-12 years under 8 with adult, Sunday, March 9, 1:30 p.m. "Baby Story Time," babies through 23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. "Books in Motion," activities while books are read, ages 2-5 years with adult, Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m. "Preschool Story Time," 2-5 years with adult, Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. "Spanish Baby Story Time," in Spanish, through 23 months with adult, registration required, Fridays at 9:30 a.m. "Spanish Preschool Story Time," in Spanish, 2-5 years with adult, Fridays at 11 a.m.
- Randallstown Library events: 410-887-0770
 "Introduction to Microsoft Word," registration
 required, Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. "Preschool
 Story Time," 2-5 years with adult, Wednesdays at 10
 a.m. "Baby Story Time," through 23 months with
 adult, registration required, Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
- Woodlawn Library events: 410-887-1336 "Computer Know-How at Your Branch," registration required, Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m. "Snacks in the Stacks," make healthy snacks with few ingredients, 14-17 years, registration required, Tuesdays at 3 p.m. "Wii Remote into Smart Board," create interactive smart boards using a Wii remote, grades 6 and up, registration required, Thursday, March 13, 3 p.m. "World Language Story Time," in English and Spanish, 2-5 years with adult, Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m. "Baby Story Time," through 23 months, with adult, registration required, Fridays at 9:30 a.m. "Preschool Story Time," 2-5 years with adult, Fridays at 11 a.m. "Sounds Like Fun," use tuning forks, oven racks, broomsticks and oatmeal boxes to create sound experiments, 6-12 years old under 8 with adult, registration required, Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m.
- For more events, go to: www.bcpl.info



What's going on around the Corridor and the County



Councilman
Oliver was
pleased to join
Baltimore
County State's
Attorney Scott
Shellenberger
to judge the
annual AntiDrug Calendar
Contest,

featuring original artwork and anti-drug messages by Baltimore County Public School Students. Selected pieces by students will appear in a 2014 calendar and on posters. The contest is designed to help make students and the public more aware of the health and safety dangers associated with drug use. More info: baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/dare.html



Baltimore County Police

Department is seeking teens 14 through 18 to apply for this year's Youth Leadership Academy. The deadline for applicants is May 16. The academy offers teens the

opportunity to develop leadership skills, while meeting and having fun with other local like-minded peers. For more information and how to apply:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/PoliceNews/iWatc h/YoungPeopleEncouragedtoApplyforYouthLeadershipA cademy Last month, resources for seniors were featured. This month, take a look at resources for caregivers with the **Department of Aging Caregivers Program:**

Quarterly Newsletter: <u>Caregiver Connection</u> is a free quarterly newsletter for caregivers of older adults. Subscribe online for the electronic version.

Support Groups: <u>Local Support Groups</u> are an important resource for caregivers to talk with others about problems and solutions.

Community Resource Guide: An annual directory of services and resources is available online at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/seniorresources and in paper version at senior centers and libraries.

Education and Outreach: Outreach events are offered to the public throughout Baltimore County in locations including senior centers, work places, houses of worship, and universities. For more information, contact Maryland Access Point of Baltimore County at 410-887-2594.

Consultations: Caregivers Program Specialists offer free individual <u>Consultations</u> to eligible family caregivers. Limited respite stipends are available to those eligible. **Medicaid Waiver Information:** For eligible clients, the state will pay for covered services to help them stay in the community. <u>Medicaid Waiver</u> information.

Medicare Interactive Web Tool: Medicare Interactive features details about Medicare-covered services, coordination of benefits, what to do in the prescription drug coverage gap, and more. Information on benefits and options: www.medicareinteractive.org.

For more information: 410-887-2594, or email aging info@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Get help or help a neighbor...

Neighbors not shoveling their walk? Has an abandoned property on your street turned into a dumping ground? Baltimore County Code delineates regulations against these types of nuisances. It's easy to submit a complaint online, and follow the complaint as it moves through the inspection process. First, check the online database to see if the issue has been reported. Click link below, then click Code Enforcement: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codee nforcement

If you do not find a complaint already filed, fill out an online complaint form here:

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/needtocontact/codecomplaint. For more information and a general overview of county codes and code enforcement, go to:
www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeinspections.html



Lend a Hand. Save a Life.

Hands Only CPR is a simple technique that anyone can perform in an emergency. It requires no mouth-to-mouth contact and keeps the victim's

blood flowing until help arrives. It is just as effective as traditional CPR. For victims, bystanders often offer their best chance for survival. See a demonstration of Hands Only CPR in action, courtesy of the American Heart Association. Available in Spanish. For more information: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/fire/ems/handsonlycpr/



The Fuel Fund of Maryland provides resources to vulnerable Maryland families for heat and home utility needs. For more information,

or to donate, go to www.fuelfundmaryland.org.

Give Blood. Save a Life.



March 5, 2:30-8 p.m., Metro Crossing Apartments, 10209 Grand Central Ave., Owings Mills. March 5, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Board of Child Care, 3300 Gaither Rd., Windsor Mill.

March 19, 2:30-8 p.m., Owings

Mills Volunteer Fire Co., 10401 Owings Mills Blvd., Owings Mills

March 20, 1:30-7 p.m., WaWa Store, 516 Main St., Reisterstown.

March 25, 12:30-6 p.m., Stevenson University, Rockland Center, 10949 Blvd Circle, Owings Mills.

March 26, 2:30-7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 116, 1090 Westminster Rd., Reisterstown.

March 28, 2-7 p.m., Owings Mills Mall, 10300 Mill Run Circle, Owings Mills.

Register at www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation.

Search by ZIP code to find your event. Or call 1-800-733-2767. Meanwhile, domestic and international disasters continue to drive the need for aid. To make a donation, go to www.redcross.org.



The <u>WinterReady</u> section on <u>bge.com</u> is specifically designed to help customers weather the cold temperatures affecting central Maryland.

To further assist customers with high winter heating bills,

BGE offers a <u>Budget Billing</u> program which spreads payments out over a 12 month period so customers aren't as affected by seasonal increases in usage.

If customers are having problems with paying their bill, they are encouraged to contact BGE to make payment arrangements. Additionally, limited income customers are strongly encouraged to apply for energy assistance before they are in crisis. For more information, contact the Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP) at 800-352-1446. Residents of Baltimore City should call 410-396-5555.

Baltimore County publishes district newsletters, updating residents on planning, zoning, development and public works issues in their communities. Click here to browse District 4 newsletters and archives



Connect with your community and business groups

For help with a neighborhood issue, or to network your new business

Liberty Road Community Council:

Mission: Founded in 1958, the community association umbrella group provides a mechanism to enable residents to define concerns and plan strategies for the betterment of the community. The council encourages and provides better communication and information between community groups. Meetings: Second Tuesday, except August, 7:30 p.m., Randallstown Community Center. Contact: 3525 North Rolling Road, Windsor Mill, MD 21244; 410-655-7821; www.lrcc.info; libertycc@gmail.com

Liberty Road Business Association:

Mission: For more than 30 years, "In business for your business," to promote, grow and sustain a diverse and thriving business community that will enrich the quality of life and enhance prosperity in the Liberty Road Corridor and supporting communities. **Contact:** 9405 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133; 410-655-7766; Irba.biz; Irba@Irba.biz

Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon Coordinating Council:

Mission: Established in 1973 to unite people in the Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon communities and open lines of communication. The council serves as a clearinghouse and coordinating agency for the promotion and advancement of the civic, religious, economic, educational, cultural and social interests of the ROG communities. **Meetings:** First Monday, 7:30 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, 203 East Chatsworth Ave., Reisterstown. **Contact:** 410-241-1057; http://rogcouncil.wordpress.com; mark1858@aol.com

Reisterstown Improvement Association:

Mission: Dedicated to effecting community development, which enables economic growth for businesses and enhances quality of life for residents, while respecting the town's unique character through planning and implementing social and economic activities in the Reisterstown commercial corridor. **Meetings:** Third Tuesday, 7-8:15 p.m., 321 Main St. (Long & Foster) **Contact:** P.O. Box 856, Reisterstown, MD 21136; 410-833-5400;

www.reisterstownimprovementassociation.com; glenn.barnes@longandfoster.com

Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon Chamber of Commerce:

Mission: To serve as the go-to resource for our community by advocating and promoting prosperity through innovative leadership and sound partnerships. **Contact:** 25B Main St., Reisterstown MD, 21136; 410-702-7073; http://romgchamber.com; romg@romgchamber.com

Security Woodlawn Business Association:

Mission: To continually improve the overall environment of the Security Woodlawn Community and the public's perception of both the residential and business areas that comprise this portion of Baltimore County. Meetings: Third Wednesday, except August, 8:45 a.m., usually at Woodlawn Library, 1811 Woodlawn Dr. Contact: 7008 Security Blvd., Suite 220, Baltimore, MD 21244; 443-671-7922; www.securitywoodlawn.com; president@securitywoodlawn.com; president@securitywoodlawn.com;

County Council Roundup:

Baltimore County Council's legislative March/April schedule:

MONTH	MEETING DATE	WORK SESSION
MARCH	3-3-14	2-25-14
	3-17-14	3-11-14
APRIL	4-7-14	4-1-14
	4-21-14	4-15-14

Pending Legislation

The following Bills, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its February 18, 2014 meeting. These Bills will be discussed at the March 11, 2014 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Bill 10-14 CEB - Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)

Bill 11-14 CEB - Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

The following Resolution, in PDF format, was introduced by the County Council at its February 18, 2014 meeting. This Resolution will be discussed at the March 11, 2014 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

<u>Resolution 12-14</u> Planned Unit Development - Residences at Soldiers Delight

Come out and watch your
County in action

Baltimore County Council meetings are open to the public and scheduled every first and third Monday at 6 pm., except holidays. For more details and updates, go to baltimorecountymd.gov.

The following Resolution, in PDF format, was introduced by the County Council at its March 4, 2014 meeting. These Resolutions will be discussed at the March 11, 2014 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Resolution 16-14 Proposed Amendment - Baltimore County Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan



Baltimore County Resources

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY- CALL 911 Snow/Storm- 410-887-3560 Other Non-Emergency Concerns- 410-887-2222

Employment/Jobs/Business

- Liberty Center employment/job training 3637 Offutt Road, 410-887-8912, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/jobtraining
- Liberty Road Business Association business group 9405 Liberty Road, 410-655-7766, www.lrba.biz
- Jobs with Baltimore County www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/humanresources/jobs

Health Services

- Liberty Resource Center county health services 3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0600, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices
- Woodlawn Health Center county health services 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1332, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices

Library branches

- Randallstown Library books, computers, events and more 8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/randallstown
- Owings Mills Library books, computers, events and more Metro Centre at Owings Mills, 410-887-2092, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/owings-mills
- Woodlawn Library books, computers, events and more 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/woodlawn

Mediation

Baltimore County Conflict Resolution Center – conflict resolution services 410-663-7070, www.CRCbaltimoreCounty.org

Recreation – www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation

- Liberty Road Recreation Council sports and recreation activities Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Ave., 410-887-0700
- Northwest Regional Park sports fields, pavilions, playground, trails 4515 Deer Park Road, 410-887-1582,
- Owings Mills Recreation Council sports and recreation activities New Town High, 4931 New Town Boulevard, 410-887-1582
- Randallstown Community Center rec council sports, fitness, arts, meetings 3505 Resource Drive, 410-887-0698
- Randallstown Y Aquatics Center Y of Maryland pool and classes 3505 Resource Drive, 410-496-4272
- Woodlawn Community Center rec council, senior and community activities 2120 Gwynn Oak Ave, 410-887-1357

Seniors

- Liberty Senior Center senior services and activities 3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0780, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers
- Woodlawn Senior Center senior services and activities 2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue, 410-887-6887, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers (9)

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Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger - 2nd District - (202) 225-3061 - http://ruppersberger.house.gov

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